

Remarks

This application includes claims 45-60, 62-67, 87, 94-96, 100 and 101.

Allowance of claims 45-52, 62-67, 87, and 94-96 is noted with appreciation.

As for claims 100 and 101, they were objected to. The suggestion of Examiner Callahan to revise claim 100 is noted with appreciation. Claim 100 has been amended as was suggested, and, accordingly, claims 100 and 101 now also should be allowed.

As for claims 53-60, they were rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 18-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,442,276. Although applicant does not necessarily agree with such rejection, in the interest of expediting issuance of a patent on the instant application, a terminal disclaimer and the associated fee are filed herewith.

It is believed this application now is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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